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In re Patent Application of:  
Craig A. Branch et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3737

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For: RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR  
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE  
PROCEDURES

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1. Interview Substance Statement;
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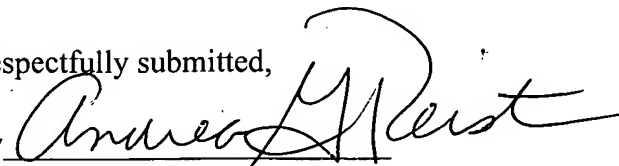
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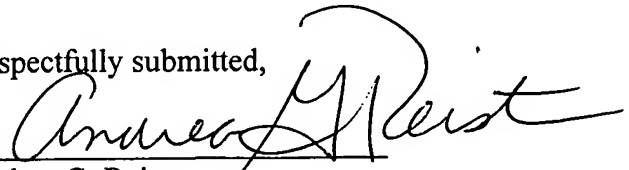
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**INTERVIEW SUBSTANCE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

On May 29, 2008, an attorney for the applicants conducted an interview with the Examiner concerning the pending claims in this application. Attached is a copy of an Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner, mailed on June 9, 2008, and received by the attorney for the applicants after the filing on June 12, 2008 of an amendment to the claims which was designed to address the issues discussed during the interview. The Examiner's Interview Summary accurately summarizes the substance of the May 29, 2008 interview.

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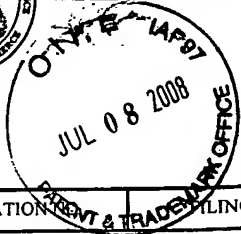
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# **Interview Summary**

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BRANCH ET AL.

Examiner:

JOEL M. LAMPRECHT

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) JOEL M. LAMPRECHT.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Thomas D. Bradshaw.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 29 May 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-34.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed Objections of record and 101 issues with claim 33. Specifically, the objections with respect to the dependent claims adding only structure to method claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Joel M Lamprecht/

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